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In regard to Docket # 99PO485, the use of antibiotics fed to animals in order to stimulate growth or to serve as a means of keeping the animal alive in an environment that is not suited to meet the animal's needs. I strongly urge the cessation of the use of these antibiotics except in the rare cases where animal health requires antibiotic usage. Animal health should not be interpreted to mean keeping animals in appalling factory farms and then claiming they need antibiotics to stay alive.

The heavy usage of antibiotics in the agribusiness industry has already led to a significantly diminished capacity of these drugs in their ability to fight human related infections. Please cease the use of antibiotics in feed.

Cordially,

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